

REMARKS

The indicated allowance of claims 209-215 is gratefully acknowledged. These claims were amended herein for clarity and are allowable together with dependent claims 174-190 which are dependent, either directly or indirectly, on allowable claim 209.

Independent claims 191, 195 and 199 were amended to bring them into line with allowable claim 209 and hence, are also believed to be allowable with their dependent claims 192-194, 196-198 and 200-205.

Independent claims 173 and 206-208 were canceled.

Petition is hereby made for a two-month extension of the period to respond to the outstanding Official Action to July 2, 2006. A check in the amount of \$450.00, as the Petition fee, is enclosed herewith. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the filing of the amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1145.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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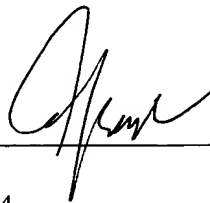
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